NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT WASTEWATER PERMIT MODIFICATION

PERMIT NO.: WA-003212-3

APPLICANT

SITE LOCATION: BNSF Railway Company

BNSF Skykomish Cleanup Site South Fork of the Skykomish River

Skykomish, King County

BNSF Railway Company has applied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit modification in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 173-220 Washington Administrative Code, and the Federal Clean Water Act. The proposed permit modification consists of the following changes: 1) An increase flow rate for Outfall 002 during the summer 2010 cleanup period; 2) Stringent language is added to prevent untreated storm water from reaching surface water.

A tentative determination has been made on the above modifications and a draft permit has been prepared. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and statement of basis may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/northwest_permits.html The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Northwest Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies at the Northwest Regional Office, please call Sally Perkins at (425) 649-7190, e-mail sper461@ecy.wa.gov , or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit modification. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Permit Coordinator Department of Ecology Northwest Regional Office 3190 - 160th Avenue SE Bellevue, WA 98008-5452

E-mail comments should be sent to tmil461@ecy.wa.gov

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit modification within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice. The Department is an equal opportunity agency. If you require special accommodations or need this document in a format for the visually impaired, call Tricia Miller at (425)649-7201. Persons with hearing loss can call 711 for Washington Relay Service. Persons with a speech disability can call 877-833-6341.

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